

## Chapter 4: Complements, pp. 70–86

### Choices: Investigating Complements, p. 70

Choices activities are designed to extend and enrich students' understanding of grammar, usage, and mechanics and to take learners beyond traditional classroom instruction. To use the Choices worksheet, have each student pick an activity that interests him or her. In some cases, you may wish to assign an activity to a particular student or group of students. You may also want to request that students get your approval for the activities they choose. Establish guidelines for what constitutes successful completion of an activity. Then, help students plan how they will share their work with the rest of the class.

Choices activities can be scored with a pass-fail grade or treated as bonus-point projects. Those activities that require students to research or create a certain number of items might be graded in a traditional manner.

### Complements, p. 71

#### EXERCISE A

1. Mr. Merkenson is a horticulturist.
2. He grows many different kinds of plants at the nursery.
3. Mr. Merkenson showed us some lovely ferns.
4. All of the ferns looked extremely healthy.
5. Do ferns require any special care?
6. Ferns are rather hardy plants.
7. Mr. Merkenson handed me a booklet about ferns.
8. I read the part about plant care.
9. Mia and I bought our mother a beautiful Boston fern.
10. Our mother seemed appreciative of the gift.

#### EXERCISE B

11. The eighth-graders are forming a recycling campaign at the school.

12. Because of the rainy weather, we stayed <sup>ADV</sup> indoors all day.
13. Are all of these cards and letters for <sup>OP</sup> me?
14. The guest speaker spoke to the <sup>OP</sup> class about fire prevention.
15. The Nineteenth Amendment gave <sup>COMP</sup> women the right to vote.
16. My little brother grew <sup>COMP</sup> restless toward the end of the movie.
17. The president of the company addressed her audience <sup>ADV</sup> eloquently.
18. Do all bears hibernate during winter <sup>OP</sup> months?
19. Claudio had bought a new suit especially for the <sup>OP</sup> occasion.
20. Aunt Epatha is a <sup>COMP</sup> collector of rare books.

### Direct Objects, p. 72

#### EXERCISE

1. Ms. McCourt manages her business carefully.
2. Our tabby cat, Mr. Alp, stalked the mouse through the garden.
3. Please bring me a salad from the sandwich shop on the corner.
4. At first, she put the dog and the cat in separate rooms.
5. Jada and Whitney attended their ten-year high school reunion last week.
6. He could have talked about African history for hours.
7. Has the detective reached a conclusion about the burglary yet?
8. The mathematician thought about the unusual proof for several days.
9. The final scene of that movie completely surprised me.

10. After the final performance of the play, Ms. Marrazzo congratulated the cast and crew.
11. At his concert last night, Taj Mahal played "Think," a blues song.
12. Did you rent any videos last week?
13. The author finally published the article.
14. Conchata practices piano three times a week.
15. I'll be waiting for your call.
16. Mr. Pinkett gave his old books, a computer, and a mattress to the Salvation Army.
17. Did you hear the president on the radio this morning?
18. For my birthday, my sister gave me the latest book in the series.
19. Mr. Miyasaki is an expert on bonsai trees.
20. In a seat at the back of the theater, the playwright watched her play.

### Indirect Objects, p. 73

#### EXERCISE

1. Iola sent her brother a gift certificate for his birthday.
2. Miriam, Judy, and Roberto taught themselves three-part harmony.
3. Tell me the answer.
4. *None*
5. The tall man gave us directions to the film festival.
6. Gregory bought himself a burrito for lunch.
7. At the Museum of Natural History, Mr. Hsing showed James the hall of dinosaurs.
8. Kendall offered Jason his congratulations for winning the bicycle race.
9. At the wedding reception Chang sang Meg and Gordon their favorite song.
10. What gave you the idea for your story?
11. *None*
12. *None*
13. Very carefully, Annie offered the cat a piece of tuna fish.
14. The coach gave Vic, Bob, and Dan their varsity sweaters.
15. *None*
16. *None*
17. When you come back to the table, please bring me the mustard.
18. Jed told the class a story about his trip to Vermont.
19. The company will give you whatever you need to finish the job.
20. *None*

### Direct Objects and Indirect Objects A, p. 74

#### EXERCISE A

1. The novel offers <sup>IO</sup> readers a great adventure.
2. In the novel a poor boy finds himself a captive on a <sup>OP</sup> ship.
3. The captain of the ship forces the young prisoner to work for <sup>OP</sup> him.
4. He brings the <sup>IO</sup> captain food and other supplies.
5. Eventually, the boy and another passenger secretly make <sup>DO</sup> plans to escape.

#### EXERCISE B

6. Charlotte and I gave our Dalmatian puppy a bath.
7. Eartha told Kim and me a secret.
8. Pass me the ball!
9. After dinner last night, Dad told us a hilarious story.

10. The explorers found the valuable treasure in a cave.
11. At soccer practice, we ran ten laps around the field.
12. At the request of the teacher, each student made a list of his or her goals.
13. Did Karen accept your invitation to the fiesta?
14. Gail gave her story a one-word title.
15. At the beginning of the tour, the museum guide handed each of us a name tag and a brochure.

### Direct Objects and Indirect Objects B, p. 75

#### EXERCISE A

1. He also gave me a <sup>DO</sup>book of easy-to-play Beatles songs.
2. The book shows the reader the hand positions for each <sup>OP</sup>song.
3. So far I have taught <sup>IO</sup>myself three songs.
4. I have learned <sup>DO</sup>“Yesterday,” <sup>DO</sup>“Hey Jude,” and <sup>DO</sup>“Yellow Submarine.”
5. After he heard me play, my uncle praised me for my <sup>OP</sup>talent.

#### EXERCISE B

6. Ms. Wong wrote the store a check for the groceries.
7. Sophie told Carmen the complete story.
8. Carl proposed a title for the film.
9. Offer our guest some soup, Cedric.
10. The newspaper article gave Cody an idea for a story.
11. Just in case, the purser issued every passenger a life vest.
12. Give yourselves a nice round of applause.

13. The avalanche carried away the empty cabin.
14. Mother gave Tim and me some money for lunch at school.
15. Helen gave a tour of the studio to Tonya and Peter.

### Subject Complements, p. 76

#### EXERCISE A

1. Joyce certainly seemed busy this afternoon.
2. Over the years, the song became an anthem for a generation.
3. The tall man at the back of the photograph is my grandfather.
4. Are the pies ready yet?
5. The bad weather in Minnesota this time of year is a good reason to stay home.
6. The cat seems friendly.
7. Jake is the winner of this week’s prize.
8. Dr. Morbius appears happy about the results of his experiment.
9. Irene was the last person out of the pool.
10. Carey was the most improved player.

#### EXERCISE B

Answers will vary. Sample responses are given.

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| 11. writer  | 14. salty |
| 12. pensive | 15. sad   |
| 13. excited |           |

### Predicate Nominatives, p. 77

#### EXERCISE

1. My partner for biology lab is Penelope.
2. Jason will be the next student council president.
3. Mrs. Furillo’s favorite song is still “Night and Day.”
4. Rocky Marciano was the world heavy-weight boxing champion from 1952 to 1956.

5. My coat is the red one.
6. Leon would have been my first choice for the part.
7. Michelle Kwan has become an inspiration to us all.
8. Is Sara the runner in the blue T-shirt?
9. I could have been a contender.
10. The winner of the spelling bee was Tracy.
11. The next speaker will be Mr. Gonzalez.
12. Who was the fourteenth president of the United States?
13. My favorite memory of the trip is our day at the Grand Canyon.
14. At the age of eighteen, my father became the first person in his family to go to college.
15. Were the stars of that movie Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart?
16. The winner is Terry!
17. Did Sheila become an accountant?
18. Grace's preferences for lunch are sandwiches or soup.
19. The next contestant on the show is Mr. Hynes.
20. Ginger should have become an actress.

### Predicate Adjectives, p. 78

#### EXERCISE

1. Our cat Conrad is small for his age.
2. The boiled potatoes tasted a little too bland for me.
3. Belinda sounded optimistic about the outcome of the student council election.
4. Parker looks very nice in that hat.
5. Sales of the new school calendar appear brisk.

6. The llama's fur felt soft to Marcia's touch.
7. The door to the basement is squeaky.
8. After his feeding, the baby remained quiet for the rest of the night.
9. The crowd at the championship game was energetic and enthusiastic.
10. Michael's new wool coat felt rough and scratchy against his skin.
11. Lance didn't become tired until the final lap of the race.
12. The maze can be frustrating and tiring.
13. The moon appeared big and bright in the evening sky.
14. The bittersweet comedy seemed both funny and sad.
15. The soup may be too hot to eat right now.
16. Have you ever been afraid of the dark?
17. The trail of the meteor appeared blue, green, and red.
18. Every day, Taylor grew more confident about riding her new unicycle.
19. Is your new dog brown and white?
20. The slope of the mountainside is quite steep.

### Predicate Nominatives and Predicate Adjectives A, p. 79

#### EXERCISE A

- PA 1. The bag with the bowling ball in it felt heavy.
- PN 2. Mrs. Kaufman is my favorite teacher.
- PA 3. The dog seemed eager to see us.
- PN 4. The best vegetable, in my opinion, is spinach.

- PN, PN 5. Our next-door neighbor is a teacher at the local high school and the coach of the football team.
- PA 6. Even after a week, the cat remained aloof from the other pets in the house.
- PA 7. That casserole certainly smells delicious!
- PN 8. Isn't Sonya the lead singer for the band?
- PA, PA 9. Some Asian dishes are perhaps too hot and spicy for some people.
- PN 10. Toni Morrison is the author of several novels, including *Beloved* and *Song of Solomon*.

#### EXERCISE B

11. Robert is the fastest runner on the team.
12. Does the pattern on this shirt seem faded to you?
13. The author Joseph Heller was a famous novelist.
14. Jorge's two favorite composers are Beethoven and Holst.
15. Will this energetic puppy ever become a calm pet?

#### Predicate Nominatives and Predicate Adjectives B, p. 80

##### EXERCISE A

1. Ms. Juarez is also an imaginative playwright. <sup>PN</sup>
2. "A Dog's Life" is one of her humorous one-act plays. <sup>PN</sup>
3. In this play a man becomes a full-grown Labrador retriever. <sup>PN</sup>
4. The man's children seem pleased with their new pet. <sup>OP</sup>

5. As the play unfolds, the dog's behavior grows comically strange. <sup>PA</sup>

#### EXERCISE B

6. The dachshund is a highly intelligent breed of dog. <sup>PN</sup>
7. Does the water in the swimming pool feel too cold to you? <sup>PA</sup>
8. Broccoli is one of my favorite vegetables. <sup>PN</sup>
9. The finalists in the eighth-grade geography bee are Kim Chun and she. <sup>PN PN</sup>
10. The action in this movie may be too violent for some viewers. <sup>PA</sup>
11. The photographer seemed quite pleased with his pictures. <sup>PA</sup>
12. Una was certainly happy about the contest results. <sup>PA</sup>
13. All of the scouts appeared tired and hungry after their long hike. <sup>PA PA</sup>
14. My mother is a skilled carpenter. <sup>PN</sup>
15. Is Rufino Tamayo the Mexican artist who painted *Homage to Juárez*? <sup>PN</sup>

#### Review A: Complements, p. 81

##### EXERCISE A

1. Alexander Graham Bell is the name of the inventor of the telephone. <sup>OP</sup>
2. For many years, telephones did not have dials or push buttons. <sup>COMP</sup>
3. Telephone operators would place calls for people. <sup>OP</sup>
4. A caller would tell an operator the telephone number to call. <sup>COMP</sup>
5. Telephones with dials became popular in the 1930s. <sup>COMP</sup>
6. Callers would turn the dials with their fingers. <sup>OP</sup>

- With dial phones people could place their calls more <sup>ADV</sup> readily than before.
- Today's touch-tone phones are an <sup>COMP</sup> improvement over dial phones.
- With touch-tone phones people can place their calls <sup>ADV</sup> quickly.
- Today, callers can telephone nearly anyone in the <sup>OP</sup> world in a few seconds.

#### EXERCISE B

- Celine, my e-mail pal, is <sup>PA</sup> Canadian.
- Montreal, Quebec, is her <sup>PN</sup> hometown.
- Celine and I are both <sup>PA</sup> excited about our correspondence.
- Like me, she speaks both <sup>DO</sup> English and <sup>DO</sup> French fluently.
- We have the same <sup>DO</sup> tastes in music.
- She e-mailed <sup>IO</sup> me a long <sup>DO</sup> letter yesterday.
- In her letter she thanked <sup>DO</sup> me for the birthday gift.
- I had given <sup>IO</sup> her the latest <sup>DO</sup> CD by her favorite country singer.
- We are great <sup>PN</sup> fans of the last song on the CD.
- Celine sent my <sup>IO</sup> family and <sup>IO DO</sup> me tickets to a concert in New York City.

#### Review B: Complements, p. 82

##### EXERCISE A

- My uncle Mark took my entire <sup>COMP</sup> family to a baseball game yesterday.
- It was a beautiful day for the <sup>OP</sup> game.
- The weather was <sup>COMP</sup> sunny and warm.
- The weather, however, suddenly changed on our way to the <sup>OP</sup> stadium.
- The sun disappeared, and storm clouds gathered directly <sup>ADV</sup> overhead.

- By the time of our arrival, though, the sky was once again <sup>COMP</sup> clear.
- Everyone in my family, even my sister, enjoyed the <sup>COMP</sup> game.
- One player gave my <sup>COMP</sup> sister <sup>ADV</sup> his autograph.
- Naturally, we cheered <sup>ADV</sup> enthusiastically during each of his turns at bat.
- Like me, my sister is now an avid baseball <sup>COMP</sup> fan.

#### EXERCISE B

- People are <sup>PA</sup> curious about my unusual collection.
- I started the <sup>DO</sup> collection at my old house in Michigan.
- My mother had hired a <sup>DO</sup> crew of carpenters.
- Each carpenter was a skilled <sup>PN</sup> roofer.
- They carefully pulled the old <sup>DO</sup> shingles off the roof.
- The nails in the boards under the shingles were <sup>PA</sup> old and unusually <sup>PA</sup> large.
- One of the carpenters noticed my <sup>DO</sup> interest in the nails.
- I handed <sup>IO</sup> her an empty <sup>DO</sup> box.
- She gave <sup>IO DO</sup> me some of the nails.
- Those were the first <sup>PN</sup> ones in my collection of handmade nails.

#### Review C: Complements, p. 83

##### EXERCISE

- Now that the election is over, Mr. Danton will be our new <sup>PN</sup> representative in Congress.
- The English author Charles Dickens offers modern <sup>IO</sup> readers a vivid look at city life in the nineteenth century.
- That seedling will eventually become a <sup>PN</sup> tree.
- Marcia, read the <sup>IO</sup> class and <sup>IO</sup> me your essay.

5. We all use our <sup>DO</sup> backpacks to carry our books to and from school.
6. Jenna, my best friend, is the tallest <sup>PN</sup> person on our volleyball team.
7. This music is pretty <sup>PA</sup> exotic, don't you think?
8. Some people buy older <sup>DO</sup> homes and restore them.
9. Doesn't the new stereo sound <sup>PA</sup> wonderful?
10. Call the <sup>DO</sup> switchboard and ask for Jill.
11. The millionaire provided the <sup>DO</sup> scientist with the money to finish his research.
12. Did you give the dog his <sup>DO</sup> medicine and a <sup>DO</sup> treat this morning?
13. The aspiring writer gave the <sup>ID</sup> editor several chapters from his book.
14. Everyone in our family is a good <sup>PN</sup> diver and a good <sup>PN</sup> swimmer.
15. Nelson is <sup>PA</sup> curious about marine archaeology.
16. Please tell your <sup>ID</sup> sister and <sup>ID</sup> me the truth.
17. The ice on the lake seemed <sup>PA</sup> thicker the day after the temperature dropped.
18. Who is the <sup>PN</sup> person who left the beautiful flowers on my desk?
19. I think I look <sup>PA</sup> good in my new shirt.
20. Freddie brought a <sup>DO</sup> bat and a baseball <sup>DO</sup> glove to the first day of practice.

**Literary Model: Predicate Nominatives in Poetry, pp. 84–85**

**EXERCISE A**

balls; tusks

ferric oxide; sword

rug; bear

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**EXERCISE B**

*Answers will vary. A sample answer is given.*

The predicate nominatives link something from the past that was once impressive with something that is now not impressive at all. This creates a stark comparison that is humorous yet ironic.

**EXERCISE C**

*Answers will vary. A sample answer is given.*

A rock once thrown by Iron Age men  
Is now a part of my back fence.

The homespun shirts of Honest Abe  
Became the rags to make a page.

An elephant's tusks, once so great  
Are now only keys—quite a sad fate.

**EXERCISE D**

*Answers will vary. Sample answers are given.*

- part—rock  
rags—shirts  
keys—tusks
- No. If I had used action verbs in every stanza, more active but less interesting images might have been created in the reader's mind—for example, "Honest Abe wore homespun shirts" and "An elephant sparred with its great tusks."

**Writing Application: Description, p. 86**

Writing Applications are designed to provide students immediate composition practice in using key concepts taught in each chapter of the *Language and Sentence Skills Practice* booklet. You may wish to evaluate student responses to these assignments as you do any other writing that students produce. To save grading time, however, you may want to use the following scoring rubric.

**Scoring Rubric**

Linking verbs and complements are used correctly to describe the special place.

1      2      3      4      5

Many senses, not only sight, are recorded in the description.

1      2      3      4      5

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The paragraphs convey the reasons for the place's importance in the writer's memory.

1      2      3      4      5

The assignment is relatively free of errors in spelling and punctuation.

1      2      3      4      5

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_

5 = highest; 1 = lowest